Mr. A. B. Salem.—Am I to understand that it is absolutely correct ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—As it stands, it must be taken as correct.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—It is not a supplementary question.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is the main question. It is given that no rent suits or suits for eviction were instituted.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is given there.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I ask whether the question is answered. What I wanted to know is whether you misunderstood the question; because the words "town properties" come in there. Therefore, I ask the question whether enquiry has been made into the cases, before the answer was given.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Answers are given after making enquiries.

The Poor House.

299. **Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the total amount they have contributed up-to-date for the Poor House at Ernakulam ;

(b) whether they would be pleased to place any report on its working on the table ;

(c) the total amount available for the said Poor House from any source whatsoever as on the 1st Tulam 1102 ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The Government have incurred an expenditure of Rs. 5,000 against a contribution of nearly Rs. 3,000 made by the Ernakulam Municipality for this purpose.

(b) Regular working has not yet been started, owing to want of proper accommodation, etc.

(c) No funds have been specially set apart for this purpose.

Certain publications in "the Malabar Herald."

300. **Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Will the Government be pleased to state,—

(a) whether they subscribe for the *Malabar Herald* published in Cochin;

(b) whether they have perused a letter to the editor on 'The Depressed Classes of Cochin' that appeared in *the Malabar Herald* issue on Saturday, the 13th November 1926;

(c) whether the memorial to His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General stated therein was referred to them for remarks ; and

(d) whether statements made therein are in reality true facts or not ?

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